



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club:	Wanganui Jockey Club @ Wanganui
Date:	Saturday, 18 April 2026
Weather:	Overcast
Track:	Heavy 8, Downgraded to Heavy 9 following Race 2, Further Downgraded to Heavy 10 following Race 3
Rail:	Out 4 metres
Stewards:	N Goodwin (Chair), V Fisher, L Selvakumaran, G Stewart
Vet:	J Bell BVSc

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Nil	
Fines:	Race 2	R Bergerson LALUME Presenting runner with incorrect gear (shadow roll) [Rule 616(2)]
	6	L Sutherland HONEY BADGER Excessive use of whip [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)] \$250
Warnings:	Race 5	K Chowdhoo GREY INVADOR Whip use forward of saddle in forehand position [Rule 638(3)(f)(xi)]
Protests:	Nil	
Request for Ruling:	Nil	
Horse Actions:	Race 1	ALL IN RED Required to barrier trial
	2	I LOVE LUCY Required to trial – uncompetitive
	7	SPANDEEDO Required to barrier trial
Follow Up:	Race 1	KING OF THE AIR
Rider Changes:	Nil	
Late Scratchings:	Race 6	TORONTO @ 1.50pm - due to track downgrade
	7	SILENT APPLAUSE @ 2.02pm - due to track downgrade
Medical Certificates:		
Swabbing:		SWORDSMAN, PUDDLE OF MUDD, RIVERPLATE, OCEAN MELODY, BILLY, DAMIANO, HONEY BADGER, KERETI, PLATINUM SIXTY SIX, COTTON ROCA.

GENERAL

Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY

Otaki-Maori Racing Club @ Otaki, Saturday 11 April 2026
Race 7 NZ PUNTER OF THE YEAR @ HB SPRING CARNIVAL HAWKE'S BAY CUP 2200m (Listed Race)

FREDDIE TIME (L Kauri) – Trainer Mr. K Tyler reported to Stewards, he was satisfied with the gelding's post-race condition and may look to nominate FREDDIE TIME at the Otaki-Maori RC meeting on Friday 24 April.

RACE COMMENTS

Race 1 EGAN RACING 2YO 1200m

ALL IN RED (K Hercock) - Very reluctant to load, delaying the start of this race for approximately 3 minutes. Connections were advised ALL IN RED must barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.

KING OF THE AIR (J Riddell) - Raced three-wide without cover for the majority, commenced to give ground near the 600 metres and was not persevered with over the final stages. When questioned regarding performance, rider could offer no excuse other than being wide. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

MIDNIGHT DART (A Riddell) - Steadied off the heels of KING OF THE AIR, which lay inwards near the 450 metres.

Race 2 FRASER AURET RACING MAIDEN 2YO & UP 1360m

SKY HAWK (A Riddell) - Slow to begin.

LALUME (K Myers) - Restrained from a wide barrier draw to obtain cover. K Myers advised the filly was never comfortable in the heavy going.

I LOVE LUCY (L Hemi) - Finished some distance last. Rider had no excuse. Connections were advised that I LOVE LUCY must trial due to its lack of competitiveness. Trainer G Innes advised I LOVE LUCY is retired.

L Kauri (PUDDLE OF MUDD) - Spoken to regarding his whip use in the final straight.

R Bergerson (LALUME) - Fined \$50 under Rule 616(2) (Minor Infringement Schedule) for presenting LALUME with incorrect gear (shadow roll).

Track Downgraded to Heavy 9 following Race 2

Race 3 KEVIN MYERS STABLES OPEN HANDICAP 1360m

BELARDO BOY (A Riddell) - Slow to begin.

COOPER (K Myers) - Over-raced through the early and middle stages. K Myers reported that after over-racing the gelding had little left in the testing going.

BRADMAN (J Chung) - Improved on to heels, having to steady, running wider on the track near the 1000 metres.

KOPUA (L Sutherland) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running until passing the 100 metres.

C Dell (RIVERPLATE) - Spoken to regarding his whip use in the home straight.

Track further Downgraded to Heavy 10 following Race 3.

Race 4 CHASE A FOX SYNDICATE MAIDEN 2060m

GETITDUN (M Hudson) - Made contact with BILLY on jumping.

BILLY (L Sutherland) - Made contact with GETITDUN on jumping, and as a result lost ground.

ZACONIC (J Chung) - Shifted outwards at the start, hampering outside runners.

DANCING FANTAIL (L Kauri) - Hampered at the start.

DERRYMAN (K Myers) - Slow to begin and was then contacted and hampered. Had to be steadied when in restricted room to the outside of DANCING FANTAIL (L Kauri) near the 350 metres when that runner was angled outwards to obtain better footing. L Kauri was advised to exercise greater care.

Following the running of Race 4 all riders were addressed by Stewards and advised to exercise care when attempting to gain better footing near the outside rail.

Race 5	JO RATHBONE STABLES 2060m
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HIGHLY LETHAL (K Hercock) - Shifted outwards at the start hampering and crowding outside runners.

HELLUVAH RETURN (L Hemi) - Contacted and hampered at the start.

SOL DE OTONO (K Myers) - Crowded at the start, losing ground.

TRUST ALONE (C Dell) - Slow to begin.

DAMIANO (A Riddell) - Lay inwards and bumped QUID on several occasions rounding the home turn.

QUID (L Sutherland) - Bumped on several occasions rounding the home turn.

GREY INVADOR (K Chowdhoory) - Questioned into his lack of vigour over the final stages. K Chowdhoory advised that his mount had been under pressure from near the 800 metres and in his opinion had come to the end of its run in the worst of the ground to the inside. K Chowdhoory was advised he is expected to ride his mount out fully in a manner which does not leave his ride open to query. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

K Chowdhoory (GREY INVADOR) - Issued with a warning for the use of his whip forward of the saddle in the forehand position near the 300 metres.

Race 6	LISA LATTA RACING STABLES 1200m
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HONEY BADGER (L Sutherland) - Shifted outwards at the start, crowding and forcing outside runners wider.

PEPPERY (M Hudson) - Slow to begin and then crowded.

COMPLEX (M Singh) - Forced wider shortly after the start.

PLEASING (K Hercock) - Forced wider shortly after the start. Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

LUCULLAN (A Riddell) - Forced wider shortly after the start. Lay inwards under pressure passing the 200 metres.

L Sutherland (HONEY BADGER) - Admitted a charge in that she struck her mount HONEY BADGER 7 times prior to the 100-metre mark. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$250.	
Race 7	RAYNER RACING 1360m
PLATINUM SIXTY SIX (J Riddell) - Slow to begin. TOO SWEET (J Chung) - Shifted inwards on jumping, making contact with RICH ATTITUDE. Had difficulty obtaining clear running rounding the final bend until passing the 200 metres. RICH ATTITUDE (K Myers) - Contacted and buffeted at the start, losing ground. THE WEAPON (L Kauri) - Slow to begin. KERETI (H Hassman) - Clipped a heel and blundered near the 1000 metres when SPANDEEDO hung outwards into its line of running. SPANDEEDO (K Hercock) - Hung outwards throughout making the bend near the 400 metres awkwardly. Trainer G Sharrock was advised SPANDEEDO must trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.	
Race 8	SPORTZ BAR REMEMBERING NATHAN CAIRD "NATE MATE" 1600m
SPEEDIE O'REILLY (M Singh) - Slow away. Raced keenly throughout. JAEGER (K Chowdhoory) - Held up for the majority of the home straight prior to being angled inwards near the 100 metres to obtain clear running and in doing so momentarily hampered LEPREKHAN. K Chowdhoory was advised to exercise care. LEPREKHAN (A Riddell) - Momentarily hampered near the 100 metres. CONEY ISLAND (C Dell) - Held up for some distance in the home straight, gaining clear running over the final 100 metres. COTTON ROCA (L Sutherland) - Shifted outwards near the 100 metres, tightening CHELSEA ROSE, ORLEANS BELLE, and GLIMMER, which was bumped. CHELSEA ROSE (L Hemi) - Tightened near the 100 metres. ORLEANS BELLE (M Hudson) - Tightened near the 100 metres. GLIMMER (K Hercock) - Inclined to hang outwards throughout. Bumped near the 100 metres.	

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